



Board Bulletin

February 27, 2015

Friends of the Agri-Civic Center Pledge Funds for Improvements

At their recent strategic planning meeting, the Friends of the Agri-Civic Center pledged close to \$17,000 for several improvements at the Center in FY 14-15.

Below please find a list of items to be purchased or refurbished:

- Durable metal picnic tables for the patio areas
- Projection screen for the lobby area
- Podium w/wireless microphone for the lobby area
- Durable metal benches for the patio areas
- Refurbish or replace upholstered lobby benches

The Friends group has been instrumental in helping making both operational and appearance related improvements at the Center since its inception in 2010.

Capital Outlay Update

Below please find an update regarding capital outlay projects approved as part of the FY 14-15 budget:

- Roof replacement at the Commons is complete
- All five (5) Sheriff's Office patrol cars have been received
- New voting machines have been ordered
- Voting precinct laptops and printers have been received
- Vehicles for Planning, Facilities Maintenance & Environmental Health have been received
- The new debris sweeper at the Airport has been received
- The new 911 Center UPS system has been ordered and is scheduled for installation on March 24
- SCUSA's vehicle and radios have been ordered
- The replacement defibrillator heart monitors for EMS have been received

Economic Development Update

Active Projects – The current number of active projects is seventeen (17). There was one (1) active project added in the past 30 days. The lead for this project was self-generated by the EDC. One formerly active project elected another building in the region. The project visited an existing facility in Albemarle but was not satisfied with the aesthetics and the lack of restricted covenants in the area.

There were two (2) additional projects added to the suspect list during the past 30 days. One (1) of the leads came from the NC Economic Development Partnership, and the other lead was generated by the Charlotte Regional Partnership.

There were a total of four (4) meetings and/or site visits with prospective businesses or existing industries seeking to expand in the past 30 days.

Further, the EDC staff called on four (4) existing industries/businesses as part of the EDC's business retention efforts.

Other Initiatives/Activities

- On February 4, EDC staff attended the Centralina Workforce Development Board meeting.
- On February 11, EDC and Airport officials met with a consultant to discuss the status of unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) development in North Carolina and to explore strategies to create opportunities for Stanly County in this sector.
- The EDC hosted a business breakfast series event at SCC on February 24. Representatives from the NC Dept. of Commerce and the new NC Economic Development Partnership were on hand to discuss their programs.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, March 2

7:00 PM

Commons Meeting Room

